

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicants: Nobutaka NAKASHIMA, *et al.*  
Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING RECOMBINANT PROTEIN IN  
BACTERIUM BELONGING TO THE GENUS  
RHODOCOCCLUS  
Appl. No.: 10/553,979  
Examiner: Michele K.Joike  
Art Unit: 1636  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 5, 2009, in the above-referenced patent application. As the shortened statutory period for response expires on July 5, 2009, this response is timely filed.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.